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1. IN A PRESS COMMUNIQUE ISSUED MAY 11, THE WORLD

CONFEDERATION OF LABOR, HEADQUARTERED HERE, ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS LODGED A COMPLAINT WITH THE ILO AGAINST THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT FOR "FLAGRANT VIOLATION OF TRADE UNION FREEDOM." THE COMPLAINT, SIGNED BY WCL GENERAL SECRETARY JAN KULAKOWSKI AND FILED IN GENEVA MAY 9, CHARGES THE USSR WITH VIOLATING ILO CONVENTIONS 87 AND 98, WHICH BOTH DEAL WITH THE WORKERS' RIGHT TO ORGANIZE.

2. THE WCL PRESS RELEASE POINTS OUT THAT IN JANUARY THIS YEAR SOVIET WORKERS, RESPONDING "TO THE NEED OF HAVING AN INSTRUMENT BELONGING TO THEMSELVES," FORMED A TRADE UNION AND ANNOUNCED THAT FACT TO THE WORLD. "THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES WERE NOT LONG IN REACTING," THE PRESS RELEASE CONTINUES. "THE WORKERS WHO FORMED THAT TRADE UNION WERE ALL APPREHENDED. AMONG OTHERS, VLADIMIR KLEBANOV WAS ARRESTED ON THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 7, 1978, BY POLICE IN A SUBWAY STATION; ON THE SAME DAY VALENTIN POPLAVSKY WAS ALSO ARRESTED AT HIS HOME, AND VARBARA KUTCHERENKO WAS CONFINED TO A PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL. ACCORDING TO THE USSR CONSTITUTION, HOWEVER, THEY HAD THE RIGHT TO FORM A TRADE UNION."

3. THE ANNOUNCEMENT MENTIONS THAT THE WCL COMPLAINT IS BASED ON INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL AND OTHER SOURCES. HINTON

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